--- 1/5th Pound - CANADA LEAF ONLY - “Series of 1880-81” ---

From the following notice by the Collector of Customs to his officers on July 12th 1881, it can be noted that the 1/5th pound strip was not included in the original denominations. It was a later addition, and this may account for the multiplicity of overprints on the strips that were declared obsolete on July 1st 1883.

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of December 2002

The denominations for Cut Tobacco, so far determined on, are 1 lb., 1/2 lb., 1/4 lb., 1/10 lb., 1/16 lb., and not to cover more than 1/20 lb.

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department decreed that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) — John McKay records 254,667 *lithographed* copies of “1-5th Green Leaf Tobacco” as ‘delivered’. As there were no 1/5th pound “Canada Twist Only” or “Tabac Canadien / en Torquette” strips, all of these 1-5th pound “Green Leaf Tobacco” were inscribed “Canada Leaf Only”. This is his only entry which matches the CANADA LEAF ONLY 1/5th pound strip.

The green 1/5th pound 1880 strip *did not* become obsolete in July 1883, but remained in production usage until it was supplanted by the *recess printed* 1/5th pound “Series of 1883” green strip.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) — John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 43,146 *lithographed* copies of “1-5th Green Leaf Tobacco” in the first ‘TOBACCO’ section of the 4th Contract.

This first TOBACCO’ section of the 4th BABN Contract appears to have been a record of the *control-numbered* strips ‘Delivered’ to the Area Collectors during 1886-1888, *prior to* their recall for disposal as *obsolete* in February / March 1888. There were no 1/5th pound green strips listed in the second ‘TOBACCO’ section of the **4th BABN Contract** which is a record of strips recalled for disposal.

The control numbered ‘Deliveries’ of green 1/5th pound CANADA LEAF ONLY as recorded by John McKay

“1-5th Green Leaf”	254,667	**3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)**
“1/5 lb. Green Canada Leaf”	43,146	**4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)**
	297,813	

The highest control number on the 1/5th pound green CANADA LEAF ONLY strips - as collected to date

1/5th pound, Division Open -	**001006**	
1/5th pound, Joliette Division -	none	
1/5th pound, Montreal Division -	**023202**	
1/5th pound, Quebec Division -	**036695**	
1/5th pound, Windsor Division -	**000100**	
	61,003	

1/5 lb. on 1/2 pound Joliette Division -		**021234**
1/5 lb. on 1/20th pound Joliette Division -	none	
1/5 lb. on 1 pound Montreal Division -	~~**006936**~~	
1/5 lb. on 1/2 pound Montreal Division -	none	
1/5 lb. on 1/10th pound Montreal Division -		**024048**
1/5 lb. on 1/20th pound Montreal Division -	none	
1/5 lb. on 1/20th pound Quebec Division -	~~**020938**~~	
1/5 lb. on 1 pound Quebec Division -	~~**031582**~~	
1/5 lb. on 1/10th pound Quebec Division -		**072561**
1/5 lb. on 1 pound Windsor Division -	~~**044954**~~	
1/5 lb. on 1/2 pound Windsor Division -		**045458**
		163,301

Adding the *normal* 1/5 pound strips to the *overprinted* 1/5th pound strips gives 61,003 + 163,301 = 224,304 strips

Since John McKay records a 1/5th pound total ‘delivery’ of 297,813 strips, it seems that his total included both the normal and the overprinted strips.

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